



University of Iowa College of Dentistry Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Training Site

The University of Iowa's College of Dentistry mission is to:

- Train and educate dentists and specialists;
- Advance oral health care through excellence in scholarly and research activity;
- Deliver high quality oral health care to Iowa and the region; and
- Serve as a resource to the state and the profession.

The College delivers over \$2 million in uncompensated or reduced cost dental care. The College provided training to almost 80% of the dentists in Iowa.

The College believes that quality predoctoral (DDS) and residency programs need a strong department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and states that there is a growing need and demand for dentists in Iowa.

Other Big Ten dental schools have suffered a marked decline in oral surgery departments. If the University of Iowa program were to suffer similar losses, the College believes that this would:

- Limit the number of oral surgery faculty.
- Reduce the patient pool and patient mix needed for high quality training programs.
- Lessen the academic quality of the oral surgery component of its predoctoral (DDS) program.
- Diminish the residency program negatively impacting the educational mission of the College.
- Decrease the College's ability to deliver dental and oral surgery care to the underserved.

The College opened the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Training Site in Coralville in July 2005. No state funds are being used for this site. The Clinic provides a way for the College to:

- Maintain the College of Dentistry's spectrum of programs.
- Provide student-training focus with targeted patient populations.
- Preserve the status quo, not increase, the patient pool and patient mix.

The College is keenly aware of the concerns from dentists regarding how the training site might impact existing private dental practitioner practices in the area and has worked diligently to discuss the issues with local dental societies.

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No other comparable community training sites are planned.

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